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**Michigan Main Street Center and
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Unveil Latest Main Street Design Services for Boyne City**

LANSING – The Michigan Main Street Center, a part of the Specialized Technical Assistance and Revitalization Strategy (STARS) Division, in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) at the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), recently unveiled renderings for proposed façade improvements for two buildings in downtown Boyne City. The first is for the Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel at 300 E. Water Street and the other is for Boyne Country Provisions at 127 E. Water Street.

The SHPO's Main Street Architect, Kelly Larson, created the renderings after meeting with representatives of both buildings to discuss future improvements.

The Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, has long suffered deferred maintenance and has been closed for several years. Two developers are currently studying the feasibility of redeveloping the property into a boutique hotel.

“Our hope is that the renderings demonstrate the full potential of the building to local citizens, city officials, and stakeholders. The national register designation will allow an owner to apply for federal and state historic preservation tax credits that are available for the rehabilitation of historic buildings,” stated Larson.

Larson's recommendations for the building include replacing missing portions of the cornice, repointing and repairing the masonry walls, repairing or replacing the wood windows, as well as replacing missing historic features such as signage and lighting.

The Boyne Country Provisions building is situated on a very visible intersection in the downtown. Although not a historic building, the outdated alpine-themed façade does not enhance the identity of the business and detracts from the rest of the downtown. The renderings will assist the property owners in visualizing major improvements to the building including removing the mansard roof and stucco finish, adding a large modern storefront on Water Street, and adding brick with stone accents on the entire façade

“The intent of the proposed designs is to help property owners and the community see the true potential in their downtown buildings,” stated Larson. “Whether they are historic or not, every building impacts the way customers and residents experience the downtown.”

Michigan Main Street Manager Laura Krizov explained, “The goal of these renderings is to help communities envision what they can be in the future. Historic rehabilitation is a tool for revitalizing communities and creating the types of places Michigan’s downtowns and neighborhoods need to be in order to retain and attract businesses and residents.”

The property owners and developers applied for this no-cost service through the Boyne City Main Street Program. Such renderings are just one of the benefits communities receive by being part of the Michigan Main Street Program. Before receiving design services, applicants must have participated in the “Main Street Building Basics” training provided by the Michigan Main Street Center and the SHPO.

For more information on the Michigan Main Street Program and other benefits communities receive as part of the program, go to www.michiganmainstreetcenter.com.

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